

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 24, 1896.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SHOUP (for Mr. HANSBROUGH), from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 2557.]

A bill identical with this has been introduced in the House of Representatives in the present session and reported favorably and now pending on the House Calendar. Your committee append and adopt said report as a part of their report and recommend the passage of the bill.

HOUSE REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6808) granting a pension to Sarah A. Boyd, widow of George Boyd, late captain Company E, First Minnesota Infantry Volunteers, having examined the facts and circumstances in this claim, believe that the wound of leg, received while the soldier held the rank of first lieutenant, contributed to his death, and therefore earnestly recommend that she be pensioned at \$17 per month.

The following letter from Judge Lochren, who was a comrade in service, concisely gives the soldier's history in service and the particulars of his death:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
Washington, February 29, 1896.

MY DEAR SIR: I have your letter with copy of H. R. 4491, a bill granting a pension to Sarah A. Boyd at the rate of \$12 per month. She is the widow of Capt. George Boyd, who enlisted as a private in Company E, First Regiment Minnesota Infantry, April 29, 1861. I enlisted in the same company and served with him during the first three years of the war. He was an excellent soldier, and took part in all the battles in which the regiment was engaged, and was promoted to second lieutenant at the close of the peninsular campaign in 1862, and first lieutenant a short time later. In one of the battles he was severely wounded in the leg. He was mustered out with the regiment in May, 1864, and soon after assisted in raising a company for Hatch's Independent Battalion of Cavalry, and became its captain, and served as such until that battalion was mustered out in May, 1866.

It appears that in the summer of 1879 said George Boyd was employed about the water power at the Falls of St. Anthony, in the Mississippi River, within the limits of the city of Minneapolis, Minn., and that in crossing the western channel of that river above the falls in an open boat with another employee, by some inadvertence they approached too near the brink of the falls, and, endeavoring to escape the apparent danger, both left the boat at a shoal place, and the other man, being active, saved himself, while Captain Boyd, being lamed and disabled from the wound in his leg referred to, was unable to escape, and was carried over the Falls of St. Anthony and drowned.

Captain Boyd was a good citizen and a sober, industrious man, and his widow, Mrs. Sarah A. Boyd, is a very worthy woman.

Yours, very truly,

WM. LOCHREN, *Commissioner.*

Hon. LOREN FLETCHER,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

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MINNEAPOLIS, *January 20, 1896.*

MY DEAR SIR: Your kind favor of December 12, in the matter of the pension of Mrs. Sarah A. Boyd, widow of Capt. George Boyd, Company F, First Minnesota Volunteers, came duly to hand, for which please accept my thanks until better paid; but I have heard nothing since. Mrs. Boyd is after me quite lively to aid her, and so write you again to ask if you have seen Judge Lochren in the matter, and if so, is it apparent what we can do for her, if anything? I know so little about this business that I am at a loss to know just how to go to work at it. The widow is poor and needs the aid, and I should be very glad if we could do something for her, and I believe Judge Lochren feels in the same way about it. Will you kindly give me a line or two about it when convenient? And oblige

Yours, very truly,

J. B. GILFILLAN.

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